

NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): LAYOUT SYSTEM, LAYOUT PROGRAM, AND LAYOUT METHOD

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- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-20; 15 sheets) are attached.
- ☐ Use Figure _____ for front page of Publication.
- ☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
- ☐ This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. _____ filed _____.
- ☒ This patent application is assigned to SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION.
- ☐ The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
- ☐ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
- ☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2002-200418 filed July 9, 2002 in JAPAN is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
- ☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.
- ☐ This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
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INDEP CLAIMS	12 - 3	= 9
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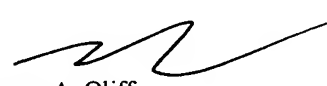
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x 42 =	\$
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OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	FEE
	\$ 750
x 18	\$ 144
x 84	\$ 756
+ 280	\$
TOTAL	\$ 1650

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